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TOPIC Military Activities in Neustrelitz and the Area of the 12th Gds Tank Div

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. At 1700 on 25 January 1955, 10 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 x 85-mm AT guns and approximately 30 trucks from the Alte Grenadier Kaserne (2225) were entrained at the Neustrelitz railroad station. ¹ 25X1
2. At 1600 on 29 January, a train which carried 12 M-13 rocket launchers, approximately 15 trucks, 2 field kitchens and about 10 boxcarloads of personnel, came from the direction of Velten and proceeded toward Vohlfanz. ² 25X1
3. On 22 January, trenches were being dug with a excavator in the Alt-Lutterow area at the Wittstock training grounds. T-34 tank participated in a tank firing practice which was held between 1330 and 1400. Trucks were seen near the field fortifications. 25X1
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On 23 and 24 January, tanks fired at irregular intervals. All approach roads to the training area were blocked and guarded by sentries.

During the night of 25 January, a tank unit arrived in the Neu-Glienicke area from the direction of Rheinsberg and conducted a firing practice between 2300 and 0100. Approximately 36 JS and T-34 tanks participated in this exercise.

Between 0200 and 0600 on 26 January, additional units arrived and immediately started the construction of field fortifications. Eight JSU-122 guns, 4 SU-100 guns, 8 heavy artillery pieces, 16 AT guns, 8 heavy mortars, 8 rocket launchers, 12 guns of an undetermined type, approximately 100 two and three-axle armored personnel carriers, and approximately 65 trucks were seen. 25X1

The units assembled in the area between Alt-Lutterow and Pfalzheim. At 0900 on 27 January, MiG-15 and Il-28 aircraft dropped bombs of various calibers on the Belauf Hammelstall area. At about 0930, tanks and artillery started firing. At about 1400, an undetermined number of vehicles returned toward Rheinsberg. 25X1

4. Between 0800 and 1600 on 1 February and between 2000 and 0400 on 2 February, a tank firing practice was held.

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1. Comment. The entraining probably involved units of the 495 th (?) Arty Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div from the Alte Grenadier Kaserne. The shipment is believed to have been one of the two shipments which went to Luckenwalde. 25X1
2. Comment. The train probably carried the bulk of the 89th Gds RL Bn of the 12th Gds Tank Div. The battalion probably returned from firing practices at Justerbog where artillery units of the division had transferred between 24 January and 2 February. 25X1
3. Comment. the firing practice involved units of the 12th Gds Tank Div which thus continued their training including night firing practices in the eastern portion of the Wittstock training grounds during the second half of January. 25X1
It is undetermined, whether the firing practices in the Schweinrich area in early February also involved elements of this division or units of the IX Mts Rifle Corps. 25X1

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